

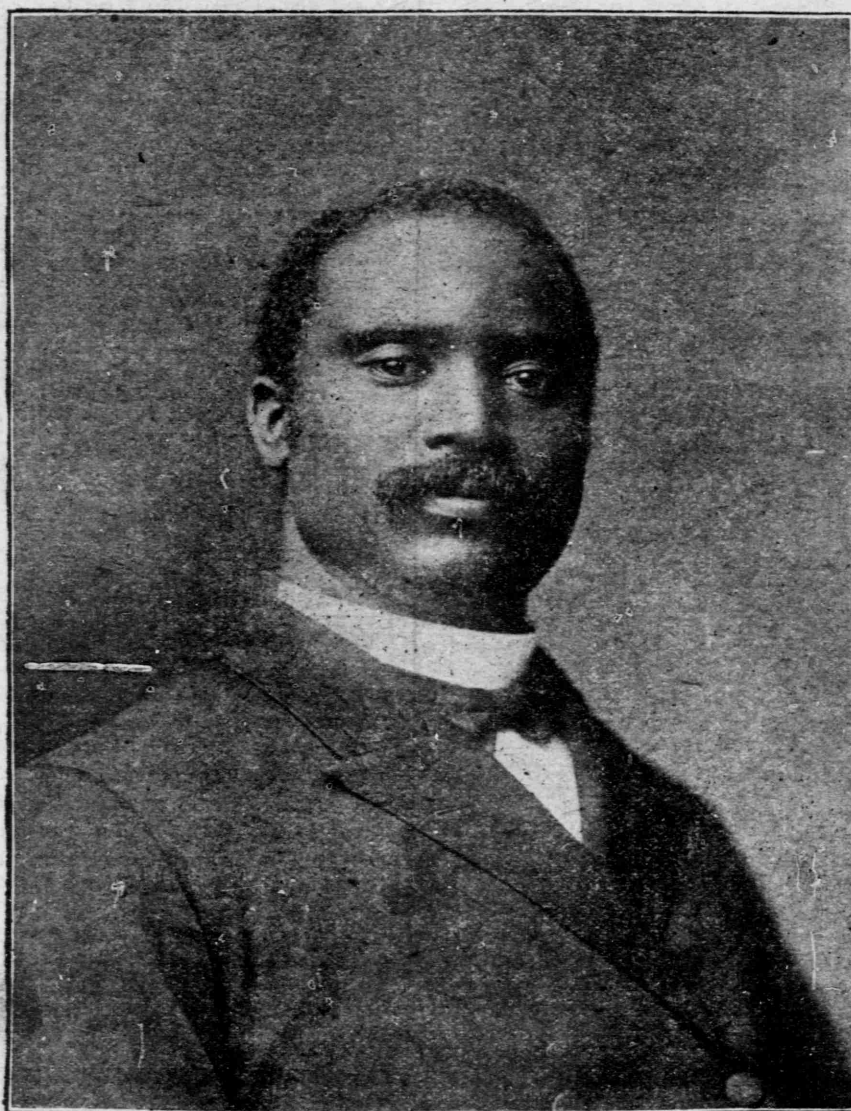
Bishop Clinton's Address.

HE PLEADS IN THE NAME OF CHRISTIANITY.

The Seventy-Sixth Session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference Held in This City.—Bishop Hood.—Smalls and Walters present.—A Showing From Zion.—New Plans for the Future and for the Quadrennial Conference.

The seventy-sixth session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church convened at Union Wesley Church, 23rd St. bet. L and M, northwest, at 10 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, with Bishop Geo. W. Clinton, D. D., of Charlotte, N. C., presiding. The following other well known prelates, viz: Bishop J. W. Hood, D. D., L. L. D., Alex. Walters, D. D., and J. B. Small, D. D., attended. These are some of the general officers present: Revs. Geo. L. Blackwell, D. D., Gen. Sec.; J. S. Caldwell, D. D., Gen. Treasurer; W. H. Coffee, D. D., Church Extension Sec.; J. W. Smith, D. D., Editor Star of Zion, Charlotte, N. C., and Hon. J. C. Dancy, Editor Quarterly Review. The conference is composed of about one hundred and twenty-five ministerial and lay delegates and has among its members some of the ablest preachers and most progressive laymen of the race. It will continue the sessions daily until Monday Evening, at which time Bishop Clinton will announce the appointments. The chief features of the first day were the preliminary opening, the annual sermon by Rev. L. W. Kyle, A. B., the communion of the Lord's Supper and the annual address of Bishop Geo. W. Clinton, D. D. Below is given liberal extracts bearing upon the salient points of the address. After greeting the ministers and delegates in fitting language, the bishop spoke of the Condition of the General Church. "At the last session of the Board of Bishops, general officers and heads of departments showed that the A. M. E. Zion Church is in the most healthy and prosperous condition at any time during the 107 years of its history. The Church, as a factor for race elevation enjoys a prestige before unknown. Our ministers, as a rule, are proving them-

Men of the Hour.



RT. REV. GEO. W. CLINTON D. D.,

The Presiding Bishop of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church.

selves men worthy of their high calling and are doing much for the moral and spiritual betterment of the people of our laity, both in the work of the church and as citizens add much to the influence and upbuilding of our Zion. If there has ever been a time when any man or woman needed to be ashamed of the A. M. E. Zion Church that time is past. I think I can safely say that the reports at the next general conference will show that the present quadrennium will be rightly styled the debt paying and new church building quadrennium. While it is a matter of

regret that the spiritual development and revival fervor have not been as great as we could wish for, we may rejoice in the fact that there is much of the old-time fire still remaining and that there have been encouraging revivals at several points in the conference one of the most noted being the one conducted by Dr. S. L. Corrothers at Galbraith in this city. I must say there is room for improvement in this important and indispensable feature of our work. This should cause us to resolve here and now that we must

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At Higher Court.

ATTORNEY SMITH APPEARS BEFORE SUPREME COURT.

A New York Divine Takes a Stand for The Civil and Political Rights Not Only of the Negro, But of all Races and Classes Which Come Under the Bon.—A Woman Commissioner of Deeds.—Notes.

New York, N. Y., Special.—The attitude of Ex-President Cleveland on Negro suffrage, and his sympathy for the southern whites, which was shown by his address delivered a few weeks ago at a meeting held in the interest of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, was severely criticised by Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of the late Henry Ward Beecher's Church in Brooklyn, last Sunday. Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbot, the predecessor of Dr. Hillis was also arraigned for "closing the door of hope in the Negro's face," by his recent utterances both North and South. Dr. Hillis said in part: "If the Negro is to be disfranchised in the South, do these two men understand that they must also disfranchise him in the North? If they affirm that they disfranchise the Negro, not because of his color, but because he is illiterate, will they also disfranchise 1,000,000 white men who are also illiterate? If the Negro is to be disfranchised, then the Declaration of Independence is wrong. If the white man because of his illiteracy, and the black man, because of his ignorance are to lose the ballot, then foreign races—Italian, Bohemian, Pole and Greek—and the mountain whites must lose it also."

Dr. Hillis is to be commended for the position he has taken, and such sentiments at a time when the Negro must needs make friends, should be appreciated by our people.

Miss Maybell McAdoo, stenographer for Hon. Welfred H. Smith, of 150 Nassau street, was appointed, and qualified as Commissioner of Deeds of the City of New York, on Tuesday, the 19th inst.

At St. James Presbyterian Church, 359 West 51st Street last Sunday was observed as "Endeavor Day." Com-

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